

Muscoy MAC Meeting

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 18, 2006

Council Members Present

Larry Claunch

Gloria Dickey

Anna Duarte

Vanney Mayberry

Kay Sanders

Jerry Smith

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Claunch at 7:02 p.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES:

Council Member Mayberry moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. The motion was seconded by Council Member Duarte and all were in favor.

OLD BUSINESS:

Non-Action Items

A. Sheriff's Department – Deputy Kathy Gray

Crime statistics for March 2006

2 malicious vandalisms

21 property crimes

5 stolen vehicles

3 incident reports

5 grand theft auto

11 recovered stolen vehicles

9 crimes against persons

Total of 544 calls for service

99 reports

22 arrests

Deputy Gray distributed free gunlocks to the public in attendance.

B. California Highway Patrol – Officer Joe Ramos, CHP Public Affairs

Officer Ramos distributed information regarding local speed limits and CHP info. CHP recently received increase funding for more officers to patrol the unincorporated areas of San Bernardino County.

What can residents do about illegal double-parking near Vermont Elementary School?

Officer Ramos suggested they contact the CHP office and register a complaint. The complaint will then be noted in the complaint log for officers to follow up on while they are working on patrol. Concerned residents should also contact the school's principal to encourage her/him to requested support from local CHP. Officer Ramos can be reached at (909) 382-4247.

What can be done to relieve traffic on California?

Caltrans is responsible for managing traffic at that particular site. Officer Ramos suggested that residents contact Caltrans and request an evaluation of the current flow of traffic.

Action Items

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Non-Action Items

None

A. County Code Enforcement – Julie Hernandez

Code Enforcement is responsible for enforcing the development, health and safety codes for the county.

Code Enforcement currently has 163 open cases in the Muscoy area:

- 90 cases involve illegal land use
- 29 cases involve substandard housing
- 19 cases for outside storage
- 12 cases are for violations with debris/trash on property
- 13 cases are for substandard property

Code Enforcement is also working to eliminate illegal vending. All vendors operating within the county must have proper permits. This ensures the vendor's products and facilities meet current health and safety codes.

Code Enforcement has initiated a program to increase public awareness about safety codes and travel trailers. It is not legal to occupy a travel trailer or vehicle on residential property in the county. The lack of sewage disposal and electrical hookups make occupying a travel trailer extremely dangerous to the residents on the immediate property and the surrounding properties. Residents who need housing assistance are encouraged to contact the Supervisor's office. The county currently has programs to assist senior and low-income residents with home repair.

In instances where Code Enforcement files judgment against violators who refuse to comply, the code case then becomes subject to traditional court procedure. At times this may significantly delay the process of cleaning up the property in question.

Action Items

Ms. Vasquez reported that the Muscoy MAC had approved a recommendation to construct sidewalks on the east side of Vermont St. adjacent to Vermont Elementary School. The project was presented by County Public Works and approved for recommendation during the March 21st Muscoy MAC meeting. The project will now go before the Board of Supervisors for approval. If approved, the project will then go out to bid through a request for proposal process and eventual construction.

Ms. Vasquez responded to questions from the floor regarding the appointment and function of the Municipal Advisory Council.

The MAC is an advisory council authorized through Government Code and approved by the Board of Supervisors. MAC members are not elected by the community; rather, they are

volunteers appointed by the District Supervisor who was elected by the public to represent them. The election of MAC members by the community would require a special election initiative approved by the Board of Supervisors and facilitated by the county.

MAC members are required to be residents within the unincorporated community they represent. The Supervisor welcomes and values input from people in the community, and from people who attend the meetings. MAC members are expected to serve as a conduit of information between the Supervisor's office and the community. They also serve as the voice of residents who are unable to attend the meetings. They are often asked to vote, as a council, on recommendations for various projects or proposals that affect their community. Recommendations are presented to the District Supervisor, and Agenda items are subject to approval by the Board of Supervisors.

Council Member Sanders moved to approve a recommendation to host all future MAC meetings at the new Muscog County Fire Station 75. The motion was seconded by Council Member Dickey. The chair then opened the motion to public comment.

What about parking? The adjacent lot is private property. Will we have permission from the owner to park there? Will MAC meetings interfere with the Fire Station's daily or emergency duties?

Frances Vasquez reported that the Supervisor's office has reached an agreement with the Fire Dept. to procure all of the necessary items to hold a MAC meeting: chairs, tables, etc. These items will be accessible to the MAC as well as the Fire Dept. The Supervisor's office is also currently negotiating with the owner of the adjacent property to allow for parking during MAC meetings.

If the Fire Dept. is called out on duty during a MAC meeting, who will be responsible for securing the property once the MAC meeting has adjourned?

Chairman Claunch announced that he has spoken with the Fire Dept. and volunteered to receive training on how to properly secure the station in the event Fire staff is away on an emergency call.

The Chair closed public comment and brought the item back to the MAC for a vote. All MAC members voted in favor of the motion to recommend hosting MAC meetings at the Fire Station.

County staff will post notice of the new MAC meeting site online, on the monthly flyers and issue a press release.

REPORTS:

5th District Field Representative – Frances Vasquez

In honor of National Volunteer Week Supervisor Gonzales would like to thank everyone who volunteer their time to help serve the community.

On Wednesday, March 29th the 5th District hosted a MAC workshop for all MAC members. The workshop allowed members from the various MAC's to interact and learn about proper parliamentary procedure and meeting management.

Supervisor Gonzales attended the grand opening ceremony for Muscoy Fire Station #75. The Baker family originally donated the property for the Fire Station. Mr. Baker and his wife greatly appreciate and support the Muscoy community.

Operation Phoenix is a program initiated by San Bernardino Mayor Pat Morris. The program is geared towards addressing issues such as crime and unemployment in the City of San Bernardino. The county is working in conjunction with Mynesha's Circle and the City of San Bernardino to organize and initiate Operation Phoenix.

The Board of Supervisors announced the formation of a Jessica's Law Taskforce to begin planning and implementing an ordinance to protect children if the statewide initiative is approved. If approved, the initiative will allow local jurisdictions to designate predator-free zones within 2000 feet of schools.

Events

Muscoy community clean days will take place on Saturday, April 21st and Saturday, April 29th from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Clean up sites will be located at the corner of Darby and Macy St. and the PAL Center.

Environmental health and legislative advocacy training will take place April 29, 2006 at the Villasenior branch library in San Bernardino.

The Hispanic Employees Alliance will be hosting a Cinco De Mayo celebration on May 4th, 2006 at the County Government Center. The celebration will begin at 5 p.m. and is open to the public.

The Blast Lil' Kickers Soccer program are open to kids ages 4-7 Monday through Wednesday at the Blast Soccer Complex. Registration is \$40. For more information please call (951) 830-8180.

MAC MEMBER REPORTS:

Chairman Larry Claunch

The drainage problem adjacent to Cimarron Ranch has improved some. The drainage problem on Duffy St. has also improved.

Anyone interested in joining the CERT team can contact Larry Claunch or Sue Dawson.

Council Member Gloria Dickey

Arrowhead Regional Medical Center will be hosting a crafts fair on April 26th and 27th.

Council Member Anna Duarte

No Report

Council Member Vanney Mayberry

No Report

Council Member Kay Sanders

No Report

Council Member Jerry Smith

No Report

Council Member Lea Tinker

No Report

Public Comments:

William Fanning

Mr. Fanning would like to present a list of community emails he received via his Muscoy community website. The emails reflect the various concerns residents have about the Muscoy community.

Sue Dawson

Ms. Dawson requested the Government Code number that Frances Vasquez referred to relative to County Board of Supervisors Authorization of Municipal Advisory Councils.

The meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m. The next Muscoy MAC meeting is scheduled on May 16, 2006 at 7 p.m. at the Muscoy Fire Station.

Submitted by: Dan Flores – Muscoy MAC Secretary (909) 387-4565